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SOMMERSET ASSOCIATION

# The News

## A Message from the President

The question is often asked; covenants, why do we have them? The short answer is “property value”. If you read The Forum Tuesday July 26, you would have noticed the value of property in the F.M. area is again on the rise and quite significantly. Even though most all property is going up, the better kept property commands even more value. This is where covenants come in. Not everyone cares about the appearance of their property and feel that most anything they do is o.k. regardless of what the neighbors think. This mindset does not just diminish the value of their property, but also devalues that of the neighbors around them. Covenants, (rules) provide a standard that is maintained by all in the community. Thus, a community that adheres to those set standards tends to have homes and yards with more “curb appeal” and uniformity than those that do not. Consequently those property values tend to rise.

This is a brief answer to the question, but it is the basis for having covenant....Property value.

And speaking of improvement to property, I hope all of you will take part in the mail box contest and a chance to win \$100.

Have a great summer!

Jack Fuller

## Annual Picnic

The Sommerset annual picnic is going to be held on August 16 in the first Cul-De-Sac west of 17th street on Sommerset Drive. Please RSVP by August 9, to Marilyn Harris , 543 Sommerset Lane, ph. 282-0802. Please bring a dish to share and your lawn chairs.



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### Welcome new residents!

A special welcome to all the new residents of Sommerset! Please contact a board member if you have any questions.

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# Spruce Up Your Mailbox Contest

Since many of the mailboxes in Sommerset have been around for 10 years or more the wooden supports have taken a weather beating. If your box support is turning gray it could use a sprucing up. Therefore, The Sommerset Association is sponsoring a "Spruce up your mailbox contest". Anyone who stains or re-stains their mailbox support post is eligible to win (excluding Board Members).

## The contest:

1. Stain your mailbox support in any cedar tone color (shades of brown). and paint in the white letters. This may take about 15- 20 minutes depending how detailed you wish to go.

2. Upon completion, enter your name on-line at our website [www.sommersetonline.com](http://www.sommersetonline.com) or contact Jack Fuller 492-0861 and your name will be entered for a random drawing for **\$100**. All entries must be submitted by **September 30, 2005**. That's it! Your box will look good and you have a chance to **win \$100**.

Of course if your mailbox is in need of paint or replacing that would be nice also. Mailboxes need to be black with a red flag.

## "How to do it".

A stain without any preparation is enough to enter the contest, however if you want to make it last longer:

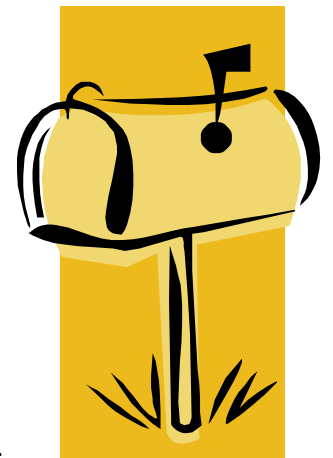
1. If you are using a **clear** finish or toner, clean the wood prior to staining with a deck wash or wood cleaner to get rid of the gray. (This can be found at any of the local hardware stores). Then stain with a wood toner in a clear or cedar color.

2. If using a **semi-transparent or solid** color stain, remember to use a cedar type colors.

3. Use **white paint** to restore your house numbers.

Many boxes are leaning forward and in need of straightening. To do this, place a spade behind the post and push down and back. This should create a space to push the post back into. Then either fill the front side with soil and tamp solid or pour in some "Quickcrete" and add water. Support till it hardens. Again this is not necessary to enter the contest, but it will make your front yard look better and your mail man happy.

We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to beautify your front-age and take part in the contest. You may be the lucky winner of **\$100** cash.



Thank you to outgoing Board members Lanae Cajobe, Sharon Mclean, and Chris Gapp, We appreciate your time and all you have done to make Sommerset a better community.

## Get to know the Board Members

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### **Jack Fuller**

Presently I am the President of the Sommerset Association. This is my 6<sup>th</sup> year on the Board. My wife Jan and I live at 1510 Sommerset drive and have been here nearly 6 years. I am a retired school administrator most recently working my last 22 years at Central Cass, Casselton, N.D. I graduated from high school at Hope, N.D., attended State School of Science Wahpeton in auto mechanics, received my Bachelors of Science from Valley City State University, a Masters of Science from N.D.S.U., and post graduate work at Northern Arizona University. Jan graduated from Pillsbury high school Pillsbury, N.D. and New York School of Cosmetology. She worked in and owned several beauty salons before retiring last year as a beautician for Crystal Salon at The Waterford. We now spend our time fishing (we have a camper at Devils Lake), computer work, caring for our house/ yard, and enjoying our neighbors. I also do some writing for fishing magazines.

### **Larry Cody**

Larry Cody lives at 1533 Sommerset Drive with his wife, Charlene, and 15-year old son Adam. Larry is employed by Peterson Paint Supply as an outside sales representative. Charlene is a licensed social worker for the State of ND and is employed by Southeast Human Service Center in Fargo. They have lived in Sommerset since 1995. Larry can be reached at 277-0337 or by 3-mail at [clacody@hotmail.com](mailto:clacody@hotmail.com). If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Larry at any time.

### **Tom Soucy**

Tom grew up on a farm 65 miles southwest of Bismarck, near the town of Raleigh, ND. He has been employed for the last 15 years at the Cass County Highway Department as an engineer. He is married to Penne, and they have two daughters. They have been living in Sommerset since March of 1997.

### **Marilyn Harris**

Marilyn Harris, her husband Kent, and their 2 children live at 543 Sommerset Lane. They have lived there since 1997. Marilyn is an RN and works at Eventide Lutheran Home in Moorhead. She enjoys gardening, spending time at the lakes, and reading.

### **Carol Schmidt**

Carol Schmidt, her husband, Jim, built their home at 708 Sommerset Lane in August of 1995. We have three grown daughters and two dogs, Toby and Tazzy. My husband is retired from over 18 years with Farmers Union Insurance Claims here in West Fargo. I have worked at U. S. Bank for 13 years at the Operations Center in Fargo. When we built our home, we decided that we wanted to live in Sommerset. We were so impressed with the development that we knew it was the right choice for us. I am pleased to have been given the opportunity to serve on the Sommerset board. I think the progress with our concerns have been addressed and are moving in the right direction. I intend on being a positive addition to the board.

### **Kevin Wanner**

Kevin Wanner lives at 550 Sommerset Lane with his wife, Jonett and 5 year old daughter Amber. Kevin is employed by Butler Machinery Company as a Warranty Analyst. He has lived in Sommerset since 1998.

### **Pam Nikle**

Pam Nikle lives at 1113 Sommerset Place with her husband Jeff. She is a realtor Park Company. She is the newest Sommerset board member.



A big thank you goes out to Lanae Cajobe for taking care of the shrubs in entrance planters. We really appreciate all you do!

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If you have anything that you would like to see in upcoming newsletters, please email the board at [board@sommersetonline.com](mailto:board@sommersetonline.com).



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## Park Improvements

We have made some drainage improvements to the park area. For those of you who may not be familiar with the location of the park; it is located behind the backyards of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 12<sup>th</sup> Street, and Somerset Drive. There is more work to do with this area; the board is open to any ideas as to what should be done with this area next. A few potential park projects could be; planting trees, additional landscaping to utilize the mounds of dirt remaining from the park drainage improvement project, or install a shared use path (Sidewalk) connecting the three entrance locations. There is one entrance in the Northwest corner along 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and the other two in the Southeast and Southwest along Somerset Drive. If you have any ideas of comments, you can either talk to a board member or you can email the board at [board@sommersetonline.com](mailto:board@sommersetonline.com).



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## Board Meetings

The Board of Directors holds monthly meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Association members are invited to attend and listen, however, if you have an item of business you would like to discuss, please contact Jack Fuller at 492-0681 the week prior to the meeting to include your item on the agenda.

August's meeting has been moved to August 9th.

